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1. DURING A VISIT TO THE KIANGSU PROVINCE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN NANKING APRIL 2, A MEMBER OF A VISITING CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ASKED WHETHER PRC AS USING ANY OF THE NEW RICE STRAINS DEVELOPED BY IRRI AND WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINESE RESEARCHERS AND LOS BANOS. THE ANSWER WAS THAT CHINA HAS INDEED INTRODUCED SUCH NEW SEED VARIETIES AS IR-8, IR-24 AND IR-26, AND HAD ALSO USED THESE SEED FOR FURTHER HYBRIDIZATION. (IT WAS NOT CLEAR THOUGH WHAT CHANNELS ORIGINAL SEEDS HAD BEEN OBTAINED.) THE INSTITUTE OFFICIAL STATED, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE CHINESE TASTE PREFERS THE JAPONICUS VARIETY TO THE INDICUS TYPE REPRESENTED BY THE IR STRAINS, THE LATTER'S USE WAS NOT VERY WIDESPREAD.

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2. THE NANKING RESEARCHER ALSO STATED THAT HIS INSTITUTE SUBSCRIBED TO A NUMBER OF FOREIGN TECHNICAL JOURNALS. HE ALSO STATED THAT THERE HAD RECENTLY BEEN SOME EXCHANGES WITH FOREIGN RESEARCHERS, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY THAT JAPANESE, PHILIPPINE AND MEXICAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH DELEGATION HAD PAID VISITS TO THE PRC.

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